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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 24 May 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 34 and 38, and amend claims 11, 16, 25, 35, 37, and 39. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

11. (AMENDED) A method for improving durability of an image on an elastomeric bandage comprising the step of:
coating an imagewise layer of a urethane polymer-containing ink composition